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SUBJ: LOPEZ REGA'S RETURN MET WITH EXTRAORDINARY HONORS

1. SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER JOSE LOPEZ REGA, WHOSE DEPARTURE UNDER VEIL OF SECRECY THE PREVIOUS WEEK HAD SPARKED SPATE OF RUMORS CONCERNING HIS STATUS, RETURNED TO ARGENTINA JUNE 20 OBVIOUSLY STILL VERY MUCH IN CONTROL. ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT PUT OUT BY THE GOA, HE HAD BEEN VACATIONING IN RIO. SOME PERONISTS INSIST THAT HE MADE HURRIED AND SECRET TRIP TO SPIN DURING TIME HE SUPPOSED TO BE IN BRAZIL, BUT THERE NO EVIDENCE OF THIS.

2. WHATEVER HE WAS DOING WHILE AWAY, HIS RETURN WAS A POLITICAL EVENT IN ITSELF. IN EXTRAORDINARY GESTURE DEFYING ALL PROTOCOL, MRS. PERON, RAUL LASTIRI, FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES (WHO HAS BEEN ACTING AS PRESIDENTS PRIVATE SECRETARY IN LOPEZ REGA'S ABSENCE), AND SEVERAL OTHER TOP LEADERS ALL WENT TO AIRPORT TO GREET HIM. MILITARY COMMANDERS CALLED ON HIM LATER IN THE AFTERNOON AND ENTIRE CABINET CAME TO TEA AT PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE IN OLIVOS SO THAT THEY COULD PAY RESPECTS TO THE RETURNED SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER. IN SHORT, IT HAD ALL ASPECTS OF TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF CHIEF

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OF STATE. RUMORS THAT LOPEZ REGA UNDER ARREST, ON WAY OUT,

ETC., OBVIOUSLY NONSENSE. HE CLEARLY VERY MUCH IN THE DRIVERS
SEAT.
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